

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11 and 13 are pending in the above-identified application.

Claims 10 and 12 have been cancelled as these claims are duplicates of claims 9 and 11, respectively.

It is submitted that the cancellation of claims 10 and 12 raises no new issues and should be entered of record under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 as the Issue Fee has not yet been paid.

If any questions arise regarding the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868), in the Washington Metropolitan Area at the phone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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